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## ***New Members***

This month we welcome Jean and Malcolm Gibbons with their 1997 SLK230K Mercedes. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

## ***Past Events***

### **Matakana Run 24 September.**

Dairy Flat was to be the rendezvous for the Leigh excursion. The assembled BMWs and Mercedes were certainly a feast for the eyes on such a glorious Sunday morning. There was a stunning array of cars from the 1960s through to modern convertibles. A range of S, C, E and SL class Mercedes, E23, E28, E30 and E36 BMWs to name a few. Concise directions were distributed with organisational flare. Lunch was to be at 1.30 pm which meant everyone could set their own pace.

We all proceeded convoy style in a fairly leisurely manner North to Matakana. For the record, the small print addendum '*BMW drivers needing help going up the steep hills, please ask any passing Mercedes Benz, we are happy to oblige*', was definitely not the issue – perhaps this was a misprint??? Entering the driveway of Studio C it became apparent parking would be a somewhat interesting manoeuvre as there were more cars than available space. At Studio C there was a great selection of gifts from the fantastically funky to the stylishly sophisticated. Some switched on people came away with Christmas sorted.

At this point we made a detour to Goat Island in a glass bottom boat to take in the great view of the marine life along with a rather interesting narration. Others had an enjoyable time, by all accounts, at 'Morris & James', a showcase of talented local artists. Lunch at the Sawmill Café was a good chance to mix and mingle and the food was delicious. Still a beautiful day the final location was 'Matakana Country Park', which wrapped up the afternoon nicely.

On behalf of the BMW club, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mercedes Club for inviting us to such an enjoyable event.

*Adrian & Susan Blok (BMW Car Club)*





## Leigh Matakana Run

Our recent joint event between the BMW and Mercedes clubs was a great success. Forty people met at the BP petrol station in Dairy Flat, eight others joined us along the way. The first stop was at Studio C in Matakana, where we were welcomed by Chrissy Taylor a renowned artist. He represented a number of talented artists from all over New Zealand, and gave us the opportunity to buy some lovely pieces, for ourselves and as presents. Our second stop was Morris & James again in Matakana, well known for their high quality ceramics and cafe'. People amused themselves by touring the facility, then relaxed over a coffee and casual chat.

Our third stop, The Saw Mill Cafe' in Leigh, welcomed us with a customised welcome sign at the door. Overall the menu met most people's satisfaction, the beer tasting was enjoyed by all who took part (and yes, even non-beer drinkers like Willy and I). Time flew by and soon it was time for our fourth and final destination, the Matakana Country Park. We had a good look around and especially enjoyed the art gallery. Then it was time to say goodbye and make for home.

We would like to thank the BMW club for coming along and Paul Kaiser for organising a very successful and special day.

by Liane

## Coming Events

**5 November to 12 November.** AA Classic Car Rally which will be using Southwards Museum as a base, and with a week long entry ticket to the museum plus a tour of the workshops and areas where most visitors do not get to go, this is sure to be a great rally. Rally days will include many local attractions of interest. For those that have been to these rallies in the past I know they would recommend them to you as great fun and a wonderful opportunity to show off the 'marque'. Numbers are limited and each time these classic rallies are held they have become more and more popular, so if you are interested, contact Brian or Lyn Hood for further information, Ph 6343573 or [membership@mercedesclub.org.nz](mailto:membership@mercedesclub.org.nz)

**November 14 Tuesday 7.30pm. Noggin and Natter.** Horse and Trap, Enfield St, Mt Eden. Join us for a convivial evening among fellow enthusiasts as we discuss "The Marque", recent events, future ones and what ever else takes our fancy. Why not come early at 6.30pm and enjoy an inexpensive meal first. Street and off road parking available. For further details contact Garry on Ph 366 4748 or Brian Hood Ph 6343573.

**Sunday 19 November 2006 2pm.** Watercare Rain Forest Express & Picnic. Invite your family and friends. A spectacular train ride through the Waitakere native forest, loaded with history. The journey ends at the Upper Nihotupu Dam delivering drinking water for more than 1 million Aucklanders and a key asset to Auckland. Hear about the men who built the Dam in the early 20th Century, be brave confronting the giant cave wetas and be

charmed by the glow-worms inhabiting the ten tunnels en route. Marvel at the Quinn's viaduct whilst being bathed in the sunlight filtered through vast stands of native trees lining steep valleys. This is a rain forest with all the mystical and spiritual atmosphere your imagination can conjure up. At the end of the outward journey you have two options to ascend the dam. Straight up its face – the fast way, or along a gentle path – the easy way. Upon your return you can have a picnic under shelter – don't forget to bring the food as you will be unable to buy anything – in a clearing with spectacular views back to the city, before returning on the back journey to your car at 5.30pm. It's a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

To get there, drive to Titirangi Township, through the Roundabout onto the Scenic Drive. Do not turn off on Woodlands Park Road, but continue past the Scenic Café on your right, to Jacobson's Depot 500m further on your left. If you are lost, phone 817- 4216 or 021 758 354. See you there.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AND NUMBERS ARE LIMITED.** Contact Paul Kaiser now on Ph 537 0408 or 021 758 354 and confirm your request by sending a cheque for \$25 per person to Mercedes-Benz Club Auckland, PO Box 1587, Shortland St, Auckland 1142, by 1 November at the latest.

**Sunday 10 December from 11am.** Annual Xmas party at Klaus and Liane Buwert 's home. 18 Treetops Way , RD2, Albany 1311. This event promises great fun with lots of entertainment for all. BBQ food and tea/coffee supplied by club. Please bring your own drinks, glasses, plates, cutlery as well as picnic chairs. Any one willing to bring a desert please let Liane know. For more details Ph Klaus or Liane on ph (09) 444 9366.

**February 4 2006.** Galaxy of Cars at Western Springs. Our annual show and shine. Display your car and enjoy a magnificent day's outing with the chance to BBQ your own brunch to eat among great company, then look around the other exciting car and museum displays at this well attended annual event. Contact Brian Haslip (09) 232 1305 for more information.

**February 11 2006.** Ellerslie Intermarque Concours d'elegance. New Zealand's most prestigious car club event. If you would like to help out at this event, which last year netted your club a substantial cash injection to club funds, then contact either Brian Hood (ph 6343573 hm) or Garry Boyce (ph 366 4748 hm) to see how you can help. This could be with organising our club car display or simply by being there on the day there to talk to prospective members or those interested in the marque.

**March 13 Tuesday 7.30pm.** A 220SEC Odyssey 7794.42. Join us at Garry Boyce's, for an evening of fascination as we watch and listen to him while he guides us through his recent journey to Germany and Austria. Hear about the joy's of Classic motoring in Europe. Directions: 390 Parnell Road, entrance and roadside parking on St George's Bay Road. For further details contact Garry on Ph 366 4748.

**April 29 Sunday 10.00am.**

**Mystery Run.** Other German Marque Car Clubs will be invited. Meet at the car park by the sunken garden at One Tree Hill for some fun and laughter as we explore Auckland, and just in case you get lost, we will finish at Villa Maria Winery in Mangere where you can either purchase a late lunch at their restaurant or enjoy your own picnic in their stunning grounds. Bring maps, cell phones, a pen and a sense of humour. An indication of numbers for lunch would be appreciated so please contact Paul Kaiser soon if you are interested on Ph 537 0408 or 021 758 354

## ***Club Member and Family Points***

### **October 2006 Points**

Club Member:

Paul Kaiser 43, Klaus Buwert 40, Howard Jack 33, Thomas Muller 30, Jack Nazer 30, Frank Parker 30, Hein Vankan 30, Brian Hood 28, Ken Williams 22, Garry Boyce 20, Brian Haslip 20, John Tate 20, Pater van den Brink 10, Jim Hetherington 12, Phil Ainsley 10, Barry Bollington 10, Peter Brown 10, Andrew Campbell 10, Russell Clark 10, Roger Clavell 10, Brian Fleming 10, Tom Frei 10, Nigel Gerbic 10, Krishna Gopal 10, Roy Hobson 10, Rod Klarwill 10, Geurt Renzenbrink 10, Malcolm Reynolds 10, Craig Stratton 10, John Stratton 10, Gary Upchurch 10, Graham Yan 10, Ian Hutchinson 6,

Family Person:

Liane Buwert 42, Cilla Kaiser 33, Lyn Parker 30, Willy Vankan 30, Lyn Hood 26, Alison Reid 23, Marilyn Nazer 20, Heather Newkirk 20, Zena Renzenbrink 20, Noeline Service 20, Eveyln Tate 20, Robyn van den Brink 10, Sarndra Ainsley 10, Marion Bollington 10, Sheryl Campbell 10, Wendy Clark 10, Carol Clavell 10, Judith Fleming 10, Jutta Frei 10, Gail Godfrey 10, Alison Haslip 10, Estelle Hetherington 10, Karin Klarwill 10, Marilyn Stratton 10, Lucy Tate 10, Pam Upchurch 10,

## **Mercedes-Benz Club Auckland – Points Schedule**

### **The Competition:**

The purpose is to encourage Members and families to participate in Club activities.

Points will be given in accordance with these rules and the person gaining the most points from the Annual General Meeting of one year (inclusive) to the Annual General Meeting of the next year (Exclusive) shall be declared winner.

There shall be a Family Member section, points being given on the same basis as for Members. However, should a family member gain most points overall that Member shall be declared winner of the Clubperson Competition. Under these circumstances the next highest points scorer in the Family Members section will win that section.

### **Points for Attendance at a Mercedes-Benz Event:**

Attendance at meetings and events	10
Entry in competitive events (additional)	2
First place points in a competitive event	8
Second “	6
Third “	4
Fourth “	3
Fifth “	2
Sixth “	1
Points for attendance at a Non Mercedes-Benz Auckland Club event	2
Entry in a competitive event in a Non Mercedes-Benz vehicle (No place points)	2
An original magazine article	6
Non original article	2

The person organising/plotting events such as trials, treasure hunts, when entry is precluded, qualifies for attendance and entry points, plus 2<sup>nd</sup> Place points.

Article published in the Club Magazine excluding a committee member in an official capacity	original – 6
	Nonoriginal – 2

Should a couple of members submit an article jointly they will receive half the points each. Full points can be allocated at the discretion of the “Points Keeper”.

### **Points for Non-M.B. Club Activities**

Provided that members represent the M.B. Club (Auckland) and that the events were advertised in the M.B. Club Magazine (Auckland) or otherwise adequately communicated to Members (in the opinion of the Committee).

Attendance at events	10
Entry in competitive events (additional)	2
First MB	3
Second MB	2
Third MB	1
Bonus if in top third overall	1

## ***Mercedes Racing Ramblings by Ken Williams***

16th & 17th Sept. The first Classic Race Meeting for the season. My old BBM & 3 old Merc Coupes turned out at Pukekohe. My 280CE & Tim's & Lawrence's 500SECs There had been a delay so practice was cut to only 3 laps. The grid for the 1st race had Tim on pole, I was 9th & Lawrence was 19th. We had a good clean race with Tim fending off 2 Morgan V8s & a BDA Escort to win! I improved to 6th. Next was a handicap race & Tim started from the back, blasted his way through the traffic & finished 2nd. I had a good run, started 11th & finished 8th, with Lawrence 9th.

Our 1st race Sunday was another handicap. Tim started at the back again but got held up in traffic to finish 8th. I started 11th again, had a great battle with a Triumph TR7V8 & finished 2nd, just ahead of the TR. Lawrence finished 13th. I don't have the results of our last race but we all finished the weekend with happy faces & no broken cars.

I also was racing the BBM Mercedes in the Historics. I qualified on pole, was leading the race, & was holding off the Brabham (with difficulty) till I overdid it & spun at the hairpin, letting him past. I rejoined & chased hard but he was just ahead at the flag.

Our next race was first thing Sunday morning where the Brabham had pole & I started alongside. There had just been a heavy shower so the track was wet & slippery. I eased away in 2nd gear with no wheelspin & took the lead. I aimed at the puddles on the back straight which created a huge spray to keep the Brabham well behind me. By the 3rd lap the track was drying out & I had a good 300 metre lead when a car spun at 'railway corner' & stalled right across the track, so they stopped the race.

We all lined up in our original grid positions for the restart. I took off in 2nd gear again but this time had too many revs up & spun the wheels big time! The Brabham got ahead! I chased hard & was gaining on him on the back straight when my car lost engine power. I coasted into the pit entrance & discovered the supercharger drive belt had disintegrated. I didn't have a spare so that was it for the day, but I had really enjoyed myself.